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A Word to the FURY in the behalfe of JOHN LILBURN.

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YOu are of the Neighbour, and Christ sheweth in the 10th of *Luke*, that that person is a Neighbour that doth works of love and mercy; it would be an abominable cruelty if you should find him guilty upon that pretended Act of Parliament, in regard he was not legally accused or convicted of any crime or Fact for which he was banished, or that it could be made Fellony if he returned. The Law that *Pharoah* made, that the Midwives should destroy the male children was as legal (as the afore mentioned Act of Parliament) but the Midwives found the innocent babes not guilty, and the Text saith God dealt well with the Midwives because they feared the Lord.

A Word to the People that shal hear the remainder of the Trial of John Lilburn, *or that Illegall Sentence; which is much desired and eagerly pursued to bee obtained by his Enemies, and those that are Enemies to the People of* England, *in as much as they have made themselves Lords to rule contrary to Law.*

Samuel 14 h Chap. verse 45. *And the People sayd unto Saul, shall Jonathan dye? As the Lord liveth he shall not dye*; So the people rescued him; Likewise many of the People of England have sayd by their Petitions, shall *John Lilburn* dye? (and indeed all the People of England ought to say as the Lord liveth *John Lilburn* shall not dye) for he hath not offended against any Lawes that hath been made by our Fore-fathers for our Preservation; he hath only offended those by-Laws, which are no Laws: But such as have been Tyrants made it to succour themselves in their Tyranny; besides it was made by them that were constituted a Supream power of this Nation, by the People of this Nation, who long before demanded of them by Petitions to surrender their Power to a new Representative equally chosen by the People; For that they the People feared and judged, that they did not Act for the good of the People, but for their own good, and therefore were not a Legall power qualified to make Lawes, after the People by Petitions demanded of them, to surrender their Authority.

A Word to the Souldiery.

YOu were first raised to succour the People from being subject to the tyrannical wills of Tyrants, either in their Lives or estates, or of the Lives or estates of any one of them, or more as in the case (as of the Kings demanding the five Members) likewise consider that clause Dio mentioneth of *Trajan*: when he made A Captain he gave him a Sword, saying, If I do well, use this thing for me; If I do amisse, imply it against me; So if those that command you, do command you to defend any members of this Common-wealth (whose servants ye be, of whom you receive pay) you are to obey them therein, but on the contrary, if they command you to kill, or guard the illegal Execution of any one Member of the Common wealth, you are not to obey them therein; but in stead thereof, imply your Armes against those that impose such illegal, cruel, and bloody commands upon you.

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